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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR HOCEVAR

REF: MOGADISCIO 1706

1. ON JANUARY 8 YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR JANEZ HOCEVAR TOLD ME THAT HE HAD FINALLY RECEIVED GSDR'S REQUEST FOR YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN WRITING BUT INVITATION FOR OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO VISIT SOMALIA NOT RPT NOT INCLUDED (PARA 5 REFTEL).

2. PROJECTS INCLUDED:

(A) COMMERCIAL FISHING FACILITY AT ZEILA INCLUDING CANNING FACTORY AND 1000 TON COLD STORAGE BUILDING;

(B) SIMILAR FACILITIES AT EIL, ITALIA, AND BRAVA;

(C) CONSTRUCTION OF JETTIES PROTECT ALL EXISTING BEACHES USED BY SMALL BOAT FISHERMEN;

(D) ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING SMALL-BOAT CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY;

(E) SHIP REPAIR FACILITIES AT BERBERA, MOGADISCIO, AND CHISIMAYU (NO SPECIFICATIONS AS NTO TYPE);

(F) CERAMIC AND GLASS FACTORIES AT MOGADISCIO;

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(G) TANNERY AT HARGEISA;

(H) PROVISION OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO ASSIST SOMALI SHOE
FACTORY IN MOGADISCIO; AND

(I) ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH VP CULMIE HOCEVAR TOLD
HIM OF HIS TOTAL LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF SOMALIA'S
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN FISHERIES SECTOR GIVEN SHABBY
TREATMENT ACCORDED YUGOSLAV COASTAL FISHING EXPERT
DELEGATION WHICH VISITED LAST OCTOBER (PARA 2 REFTEL).
CULMIE SUGGESTED THAT HOCEVAR SPEAK WITH ECONOMIC PLANNERS.

4. HOCEVAR CONCLUDED FROM HIS SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WITH
DIRECTOR GENERALS VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND GOVERNMENT OWNED
FIRMS THAT THE LIST WAS PREPARED HASTILY, WAS POORLY
COORDINATED AND NOWHERE TOOK INTO ACCOUNT WHAT YUGOSLAVIA
IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE AND WHICH HE HAS REPEATEDLY
EXPLAINED TO GSDR AUTHORITIES. COMMENT: HOCEVAR IS AT A
LOSS AS TO HOW NOW TO PROCEED AND IS MULLING OVER IN HIS
MIND WHETHER OR NOT HE SHOULD SUGGEST THAT YUGOSLAVIA
CLOSE ITS MISSION HERE. HE BELIEVES THAT WHILE GSDR MAY
DESIRE YUGOSLAV ASSISTANCE THE SOVIET MISSION REMAINS AN
EFFECTIVE ROADBLOCK.
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